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TAGS: PFOR, KS, GB, KN

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BONGO CANCELS VISIT TO PYONGYANG

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO AND HIS 56-MEMBER DELEGATION ARRIVED IN HONG KONG JUNE 29 FROM PEKING, INSTEAD OF PROCEEDING TO PYONGYANG, WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN AS HIS NEXT SCHEDULED STOP. BONGO WILL APPARENTLY REMAIN IN HONG KONG ON A PRIVATE VISIT UNTIL HIS VISIT TO SEOUL, SCHEDULED FOR JULY 5-8.

2. RADIO PYONGYANG HAS NOT COMMENTED ON APPARENT CANCELLATION OF BONGO'S VISIT NOR GIVEN ANY HINT OF POSSIBLE REASONS FOR CHANGE IN PLANS. ONE POSSIBILITY COULD BE INDISPOSITION OF KIM IL-SUNG, WHO WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO MEET AUSTRALIAN FONMIN WILLESSEE ON SIMILAR PEKING-PYONGYANG-SEOUL TOUR IN MID-JUNE. KIM COULD NOT HAVE FAILED TO MEET BONGO AS VISITING HEAD OF STATE, HAD VISIT OCCURRED, WITHOUT CALLING ATTENTION  
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TO HIS UNAVAILABILITY. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE

THAT GABONESE AMBASSADOR TO NORTH KOREA IMOUNGA-VANETIGNACE  
PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS JUNE 27 TO VICE PRESIDENT  
KANG YANG-UK INSTEAD OF TO KIM. (GABONESE AMBASSADOR  
TO ROK VALENTIN OBAME PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO  
PRESIDENT PAK ON JUNE 26).  
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